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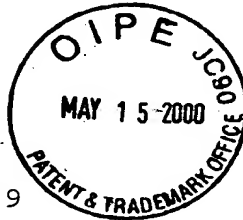
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Paul MALLO et al.

Serial No. 09/233,177

Filed January 19, 1999



GROUP 1615

Examiner A. Berman

NOVEL THICKENING LATEX,
MANUFACTURING PROCESS
AND COSMETIC APPLICATIONS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of November 15, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Line 4, cancel "said".

Line 11, after "monomer." insert --The compositions
have cosmetic applications.--.

Line 12, cancel in its entirety.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 4, insert the following heading:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--;

between lines 9 and 10, insert the following

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 2, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following heading:

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